

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
JOHN F. KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FROM ONE SOURCE

I recommend that NASA, John F. Kennedy Space Center negotiate with United Paradyne Corporation (UPC) only for the Re-certification of NASA Tube Bank Trailers GT-104 and GT-108.

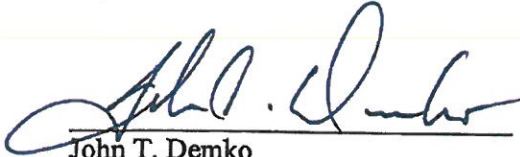
The total estimated cost for this effort is [REDACTED] and the estimated period of performance or lead-time for delivery is 90 days from issuance of the contract.

Pursuant to FAR 13.106(b) and 13.106(b)(3)(i), the acquisition of supplies or services determined to be reasonably available from only one source. Competition is impractical for the following reasons:

1. UPC is under contract as the sole operator of the high pressure gas depot at Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB). The Air Force will not allow access or allow other operators at the Air Force controlled depot.
2. UPC is one of a very limited national field of suppliers able to supply services that satisfy NASA requirements. UPC is the only supplier qualified on VAFB to conduct re-certification of a high pressure tube bank trailer.
3. UPC is the only contractor certified by the Air Force to off-load and load high pressure gas directly on site. The task of off-loading and refilling the tank is integral to the re-certification and must be completed on site.

The two 6000 PSI, 100,000 SCF tube trailers are unique pieces of Ground Support Equipment (GSE) almost completely limited to use by the Government. The national pool of contractors capable of performing re-certifications of these types of trailers with knowledge of Department of Transportation (DOT) rules regarding these trailers is limited. The contractor used by NASA at VAFB to maintain their fleet of trailers and recommended by NASA engineers is UPC. Use of UPC allows NASA to take advantage of their existing statement of work for trailer re-certification and the engineering expertise of a local contractor in working with their subcontractor to insure NASA property is re-certified properly, in accordance with the most recent Department of Transportation rules regarding these types of trailers.

Pursuant to FAR 5.201, NFS 1805.207, and 1804.570, any contract action over \$25,000 shall be synopsisized in the Governmentwide Point of Entry (GPE) and published on the NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS) by the Contracting Officer for a period of 15 days.



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Date

I hereby accept the above stated recommendation and determine that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available.



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Contracting Officer

6/7/13
Date